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#### A TIP!

*Grow them under fluorescent lights. You will be amazed at the results. Better plants, many, many more blooms. Old standard: 2 40-watt tubes—better yet, 2 85-watt tubes—12 to 18 inches above pot rims. 12 to 18 hours per day. TRY IT!*

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**LADY CONSTANCE.** Our choice for the most beautiful  
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**MENTOR BOY IMPROVED.** Velvety purple. Good  
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**MOON RIPPLES.** Dark blue double, edged white and  
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**ORCHID WONDER.** Deep orchid to lavender bi-color  
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**PAINTED GIRL.** The star in any collection. Glistening  
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**RED GIRL.** Has bronze foliage..... **\$1.75**

**RED LADY.** Nice large non-fading red with quilted and  
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**ROSE MARIE.** Radiant old rose bloom..... **\$1.00**

**RUFFLED QUEEN.** Unique ruffled blooms—reddish violet.  
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**YELLOW BROWN GIRL.** Even though it is not yellow, it does have brown pigments. Interesting for hybridizers ..... **\$2.00**

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**EPISCIA Coccinea.** The so-called "Flame Violet." Not a violet but a distant cousin, it is a real brick red and very showy **\$2.00**

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## SUPPLIES

**VHPF** (Pronounced VIP) Millers Plant Food. Excellent for Violets.

1 pound can (makes 16 gallons solution)..... **60c**  
if ordered singly ..... **85c**

**ATLAS FERTILIZER EMULSION.** A complete organic Plant Food for all plants, but especially good for Saintpaulias. Feed every 3 weeks.

4 oz. bottle (makes 24 gallons.) ..... **35c**  
if ordered singly ..... **75c**

**ANTROL AFRICAN VIOLET SPRAY.** Latest improved easy to use AEROSOL SPRAY. Just press the button—but read your directions first. Especially developed for African Violets and house plants as an insect bomb. Controls mealy bugs, mites, aphids, exposed thrips, white flies, etc.

**89c** with order, singly ..... **\$1.15**

**OPTOX.** A dependable insecticide, containing Rotenone and Pyrethrum. Safe, yet effective when it comes to control of such insects as Aphids, Thrips, Mealy Bug, Red Spiders, White Fly, Spring Tails, etc. Use as a spray, dilute according to directions.

1 oz. bottle (with Violet order) ..... **50c**  
 if ordered singly ..... **85c**

**KAPSULATE.** Sodium Selenate (spells death to Mite) in Capsules. Just place in soil—will dissolve through watering. Controls MITE and other insects on Violets and various plants. Careful, poisonous.

12 capsules per packet. **50c** with violet order, otherwise ..... **75c**

**ALUMINUM WINDOW TRAYS.** Exceptionally handy, sturdy light weight—green. Fits any window sill. To provide the necessary humidity, fill with pebbles, or vermiculite, or sand. Keep constant water level. Holds from 4 to 6 Violets. .... **\$2.20**



### **Do's**

Furnish drainage.  
 Watch for insects and diseases.  
 Feed once a month.  
 Wash off leaves weekly with luke-warm water.  
 Furnish humidity.  
 Water your plants when they need it.  
 Experiment until successful.  
 Take off damaged leaves.  
 Take off old flowers and stalks.  
 Provide ventilation.  
 Give them enough light.  
 Try different exposures if no blooms.  
 Use sterilized soil, high in organic matter.

**TRY NEW VARIETIES.**

### **Don'ts**

Don't overwater.  
 Don't overpot. (Violets like a comparatively small pot.)  
 Don't use cold water.  
 Don't expose to direct sunlight too long.  
 Don't subject to sudden drastic temperature changes.  
 Don't expose to temperatures of less than 60 degrees.  
 Don't expose to drafts.  
 Don't use heavy soil.

**DON'T GIVE UP!**

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